in June, 2001, did not evince much interest in our offer but instead requested for Mumbai as a point of call for their designated airlines. This was not acceptable to the Indian side.

Removal of Aviation Restriction by Pakistan

1373. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has lifted aviation restriction for India as a reciprocal gesture of opening up its airspace for over flights; and

(b) if not, the action proposed to be taken to close its airspace for Pakistani aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Government have already lifted, with effect from June 10, 2002, all restrictions placed since January 1 of this year on Pakistani Aircraft and Pakistani Airlines to overfly Indian territory subject to normal procedures for approval, as appropriate, being followed as before. Pakistan has, however, not yet responded to India's gesture. As a result, Pakistani aeroplanes have not been able to overfly Indian territory.

Committee on Management of Airports

1374. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee on the Management of Airport in the country;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the committee;

(c) what is Government's reaction to such recommendations; and

(d) whether all the recommendations made by the committee have been fully implemented and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) In December, 1999 a High Level Inquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R.C. Jain was constituted to look into the escalator accident, which happended at Indira Gandhi International Airport. This Committee was also asked to look into the aspects relating to Management of Airports. The Committee